

FISCAL YEAR 2008 APR-Muni APPLICATION

Municipality: _____ **Contact Name:** _____ **Title:** _____
Address: _____ **Email:** _____ **Date:** _____ **Phone:** _____
Landowner(s) Name Applying to APR Program: _____

Applicants need to provide adequate evidence of having met, or being in the process of making, a binding commitment to the following criteria. If such evidence has been submitted and accepted in previous applications, it need not be re-submitted.

QUALIFICATION THRESHOLDS (SECTION II ON GUIDANCE DOCUMENT)		YES	NO
1a	Minimum 400 acres in active agricultural use within municipality and/or	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
1b	At least 1200 acres enrolled in Chapter 61 and 61A combined	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
2a	If Project is < 20 acres, at least 75% of project land in agricultural use is Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Soils of Statewide Importance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
2b	If Project is ≥ 20 acres, at least 50% of project land in agricultural use is Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Soils of Statewide Importance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3a	Project targets a 20% financial match from municipal, landowner or other sources, and/or	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3b	Municipality demonstrates a history of financial support, to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Agriculture, and/or	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3c	Match reflects a 5% reduction from the 20% target for each action criteria items 6,7, and 8 below	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
ALTERNATIVE QUALIFICATION THRESHOLDS (SECTION III ON GUIDANCE DOCUMENT)		YES	NO
4	Project adds to an existing APR block of at least 200 acres, and/or	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
5	Is part of a defined farmland block, of which 75% is permanently protected	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
TOWN ACTION CRITERIA (40 POINTS) (SECTION IV ON GUIDANCE DOCUMENT)		Existing	Commit
6	Established an Agricultural Commission or like entity	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
7	Enacted a municipal Right-to-Farm bylaw	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
8	Implemented a tracking system to prevent issuance of local permits for unauthorized construction on protected farmland	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
9	Promoted local and regional direct marketing opportunities, such as farmers markets	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.5
10	Identified/inventoried/mapped farmland to be protected	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
11	Established a town farmland protection fund	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.5
12	Developed community agricultural events and/or promotions, such as harvest festivals	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.5
13	Demonstrated support for farmland preservation under Chapter 61A by either exercising or assigning to non-profit land preservation organization the municipal Right-of-First-Refusal on a 61A withdrawal.	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.5
14	Created an agricultural overlay district and developed site plan review on single-family house lots within such districts	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.5
15	Created buffer requirements on non-farm development adjacent to agricultural lands	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.5
16	Implemented a program that redirects development to marginal, non-agricultural areas	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.5
17	Assisted in agricultural economic development, such as TIF (tax incentive) for a business that supports local agriculture, or assisted in locating and developing a value-added processing facility	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.5
18	Worked collaboratively with regional efforts to include agriculture in regional land use planning	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
TOTAL EXISTING AND COMMITMENT POINTS (MAXIMUM 40)			

CERTIFICATION: On behalf of the municipal applicant, I/we, the chief elected executive officer(s) of the city/town do hereby certify that the information contained herein is accurate to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Date: _____ Signed: _____

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For Information, contact APR Program staff at (617) 626-1718